

# TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Potlatch Land and Lumber, LLC **DATE:** February 20, 2009  
**FR:** Tom Hoffert and Douglas Morell **OUR REF:** 073-93312-02.002  
**RE: DRAFT CULTURAL RESOURCES WORK PLAN FOR THE AVERY LANDING SITE, AVERY, IDAHO**

A number of steps will be taken to complete the pre-field assessment of the cultural resources that may be affected by the proposed project at the Avery Landing Site in Avery, Idaho. The first step will be to conduct a Class I inventory. Depending on the results of a Class I Inventory, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of Idaho may require a Class II or Class III Inventory to be conducted.

## 1.0 CLASS I INVENTORY

A Class I inventory will be initiated and conducted prior to any ground breaking activities. A Class I inventory will consist of an overview of Idaho SHPO files of all previous archaeological inventories and recorded sites located in the area of potential effect (APE) of the proposed project.

The Class I inventory will consist of:

A site file search:

Per the accepted standard within the archaeological discipline, the search will be conducted by an Idaho permitted archaeologist and will encompass all lands within one mile of the Project. The search will indicate whether previous archaeological inventories have occurred within the area of potential effect (APE) and what types of sites may be expected in the region. The number, type and significance of any sites recorded during previous inventories within the APE will also be shown. Any cultural resources evaluation or inventories conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or their consultants for investigation activities will be obtained from SHPO during the Class I Inventory.

Obtaining/reviewing previous documentation and records:

If sites are present within the requested search parameters, the site forms will be obtained from the Idaho SHPO, which is charged with maintaining the permanent records for Idaho. Past project reports will also be acquired. Historic maps will also be reviewed in order to determine the presence of significant historic features such as homesteads or transportation routes. A nominal fee is required by the SHPO for these services.

Tribal consultation:

The Project area is within the traditional territory of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and as such the Tribe will be consulted regarding their knowledge of any past traditional land use in the area or to

determine if the Tribe has any concerns with the proposed undertaking at the Site. A representative of the Tribe will also be afforded the opportunity to partake in the Class III inventory, if indeed a Class III inventory is required by Idaho SHPO.

## **2.0 CLASS II OR CLASS III INVENTORY:**

Depending upon the results of the Class I inventory, the Idaho SHPO will then decide whether or not the APE requires a subsequent Class II or Class III inventory. The SHPO may also decide that no additional work is required. If the pre-field Class I inventory shows that all or portions of the APE have been subject to previous archaeological inventory, and that no significant sites or features are in conflict with the proposed development, then no further work is expected to be required in the for the Avery Landing Site.

A Class II inventory is usually used only as a methodology in large scale projects for locating areas with good or better cultural resources potential which would then require investigation at the Class III level.

A Class III inventory is a systematic, detailed field inspection done by a professional historian, architectural historian, archaeologist, and/or other appropriate specialists. This type of inventory is usually required to formulate a preliminary determination of the significance of resources and their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). It is preceded by an adequate literature search (Class I), and, sometimes, by a reconnaissance effort (Class II).

If it is required that a Class III inventory be conducted in order to meet the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act 36 CFR Part 800 (as amended), a permit will be obtained from the Idaho SHPO prior to any work being conducted.

The Class III inventory will consist of a two person crew of archaeologists conducting transects spaced no more than 30 meters apart across the entire surface soils of the Site. All artifacts and features whether historic or prehistoric will be recorded and their location documented using a hand held Global Positioning System (GPS) unit.

## **3.0 REPORTING**

Once work is completed a report documenting the results of the Class I and Class III (if required) Inventory along with any relevant background research will be incorporated into a report. The report will then be submitted for concurrence by the Idaho SHPO.